## **CLAIMS**

- An aromatic compound comprising an aldehyde group, a phenol
   group and a phosphate group or a mimetic thereof, wherein:
  - its aromatic nucleus comprises two aromatic benzene chains,
  - it responds to the following general formula:

where:

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- The aldehyde group (-CHO) and the phenol group (-OH) are linked to two adjacent carbon atoms from the same aromatic chain, known as the first aromatic chain,
  - and linked to a carbon atom in a second aromatic chain, known as the second aromatic chain, with R a phosphate group or a phosphate group mimetic selected from among:
    - a enzymolabile protecting group adapted to allow said aromatic compound to pass through the cell and/or parasite membrane systems passively, and to be able to generate, once inside a cell or parasite, the formation of a phosphate group or a stable phosphate group analogue.
    - a stable phosphate group analogue adapted to preserve the aromatic compound of spontaneous or enzyme dephosphorylation.
- 2. The aromatic compound of claim 1, wherein it has the general formula:

where R<sub>1</sub> is a phosphate group or a phosphate group mimetic.

- 3. The aromatic compound of for any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein the enzymolabile protecting group is a group tending to be deprotected by one or more intracellular esterases.
- 4. The aromatic compound of claim 3, wherein the enzymolabile protecting group presents the following general formula:

where R' is selected from among one of the following groups:

$$-CH_2$$
  $O$   $CMe_3$   $(IV)$   $-CH_2$   $O$   $(V)$ 

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5. The aromatic compound of claim 3, wherein the enzymolabile protecting group presents the following general formula:

$$\int_{OR} \frac{Q}{Q} dR dR dR$$
(VI)

where R" is selected from among one of the following groups:

$$-CH_2$$
 $S$ 
 $Et$ 
 $(VII)$ 
 $-CH_2$ 
 $S$ 
 $CMe_3$ 
 $CH_2$ 
 $S$ 
 $CHMe_2$ 
 $(IX)$ 

- 6. The aromatic compound of any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein the enzymolabile protecting group is a group tending to be deprotected by one or more intracellular esterases.
  - 7. The aromatic compound of claim 6, wherein the enzymolabile protecting group presents the following general formula:

where R' is selected from among one of the following groups:

$$-CH_2$$
 SS  $CH_3$  (XII)

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- 8. The aromatic compound of any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein the stable phosphate analogue is selected from among one of the following groups:
  - methylenephosphonate
  - difluoromethylenephosphonate

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- monofluoromethylenephosphonate
- 9. The aromatic compound of any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein a hydrogen atom from at least one carbon atom from at least one of the aromatic chains is substituted by a substituent, said hydrophobic substituent adapted to improve the global hydrophobicity of the aromatic compound.

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10. The aromatic compound of claim 9, wherein the hydrophobic substituent(s) is(are) one of the alkyl groups of the principal chain comprising a maximum of three carbon atoms.

- 11. The aromatic compound of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein its non-therapeutic uses are as an agent inhibiting class I aldolase activity.
- 12. The aromatic compound of claim 11, wherein it has an inhibition constant  $K_i$ , less than 25  $\mu$ M, in particular less than 50 nM, typically of the order of 25 nM.

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- 13. The aromatic compound of claim 11, wherein it is able to inhibit at least one aldolase irreversibly or virtually irreversibly.
- 14. A method of inhibiting extracellular or intracellular aldolases, other than intracellular aldolases of non-isolated living cells from a human or animal body, or a human embryo, wherein said aldolases are contacted with at leas one aromatic compound of any one of claims 1 to 13, at least in an amount sufficient to cause a significant effect.
  - 15. The method of claim 14, applied to cell glycolysis inhibition.
- 15 16. The method of any one of claims 14 and 15, applied to stop development of a cancer cell.
  - 17. A medicament comprising an aromatic compound in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 13.
  - 18. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 13, for manufacturing a medicament for treating cancer.
    - 19. Use according to claim 18, for manufacturing a medicament for treating cancer performed by the GRH approach.
  - 20. A method for synthesizing a compound 1-hydroxy-2-naphthaldehyde phosphorylated on a carbon atom in the second aromatic chain, according to claim 1, wherein a phosphorylation stage of a dihydroxylated compound 2-naphthaldehyde is performed, hydroxylated on carbon atom 1 of the first aromatic chain and one of the carbon atoms in the second aromatic chain, said phosphorylation corresponding to substitution of the hydroxyl group in the second aromatic chain by a phosphate group.
- 30 21. A synthesis method according to claim 20, wherein phosphorylation is initiated by the triethyl, phosphite, pyridine and iode technique, in a solution of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF.

22. A synthesis method according to any one of claims 20 or 21, wherein phosphorylation is performed on 1,6-dihydroxy-2-naphthaldehyde to obtain 5-formyl-6-hydroxy-2-naphthylphosphate.